(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified tne States/UTs or districts which are most vulnerable for growth of Oral Cancer in the country;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government proposes to take to prevent the growth of Oral Cancer in the country

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The data collected under National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi do not indicate any increase in the incidence of oral cancer over tne years.

(c) and (d) No reliable data are available in this respect.

(e) During the 8th Five Year Plan more emphasis is being given on prevention and early detection of cancer including Oral Cancer, under National Cancer Control Programme. Various health education measures are be:ng taken to educate the people to create awareness amongst them about the likely causes of cancers. The ill-effects of Tobacco chewing and smoking are suitably highlighted.

Import of condoms

3084. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to stop the import of condoms being used for the control of AIDS;

(b) what is the current require ments of condoms in the country and what is the quantity being imported annually; and

(c) whether indigenous production of condoms is sufficient to meet the requirements of the country and measure upto the WHO guidelines of October, 1991 under the global programme on AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Under the National AIDS Control Programme, condoms are not being imported for control of AIDS. However, under Family Welfare Programme, coloured condoms are being imported under Open General Licence (OGL) and there is a proposal to stop the import of coloured condoms.

(b) and (c) Current requirement of condoms in tne country is 950 million pieces to 1100 million pieces annually. Indigenous production of condoms is sufficient to meet country's require ment. The Government of India have notified the Central Indian Pharmaco poeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad for test ing of condoms as per standards laid down under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. Under the National AIDS Control Programme, the upgradation of the quality of condoms, according to specification which is being finalised by WHO, will be undertaken.

Clearance for New Oil Branid "LOK DHAKA"

3085. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy De-velopment Board has obtained clearance from his Ministry for permission to blend edible oil to launch their new oil brand 'Lok Dhara';

(b) whether the said clearance has been given to the National Dairy Development Board; and

(c) if not, the reasons herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) On the basis of a proposal received from the National Dairy Development Board for launching of their new oil brand 'Lok Dhara', blending of any two edible oil in general has already been permitted under PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 *vide* Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Gazette notification GSR 91 (E) dated 7-2-1992.

परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को धनराशि का आवंटन

3086. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 29 दिसम्बर, 1991 के टाइम्स आफ इंडिया में "अल्टीमेटम आन फेमिली प्लानिंग प्रोग्राम" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1991-92 के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश में परिवार कल्याण के कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए आवंटित कुल धनराशि में से दिसम्बर, 1991 तक केवल 50 प्रतिशत से कुछ अधिक धनराशि ही प्रदान की गयी है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि राज्य सरकार ने अनेक बार विभिन्न प्रकार से इस तथ्य की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) :) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए 8187.70 लाख रुपए के निर्दिष्ट आबंटन के मुकाबले, 4092.65 लाख रुपये की राशि दिसम्बर, 1991 तक परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को रिलीज की गई थी । उसके बाद जनवरी और फरवरी 1992 माह में 4859.42 लाख रुपये की और धनराशि राज्य सरकार को रिलीज की गई है ।

Rate of blindness

3087. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: WiU the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of blindness in the country has increased from 11.92 million in 1988 to 12.56 million in 1991;

(b) if so, what are the major causes thereof;

(c) whether any International Conference of Eye-Specialists was held recently in the Capital; if so, what latest preventive measures were suggested to control diseases pertaining to eyes/blindness;

(d) what is the present number of Eye-Banks operating in the country indicating the stock of eyes donated to such Banks during 1991-92; and

(e) what are Government's targets to control blindness in the country by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The prevalence rate of blindness in the country is 1.49 per cent as revealed by the WHO-NFCB Survey 1980—89 Based on 1989 estimated population of 800 million, the estimated number of blind persons is 11.92 millions. With the increase in population and life expectancy, the number of blind persons has also increased.